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# BHAGAVAD GITA

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## CHAPTER 9

**RAJAVIDYARAJAGUHYA YOGA**  
*(Royal Knowledge and Royal Secret)*

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***34 Verses***

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## Chapter 9 - Verse 1

श्रीभगवानुवाच ।  
इदं तु ते गुह्यतमं  
प्रवक्ष्याम्यनसूयवे ।  
ज्ञानं विज्ञानसहितं  
यज्ज्ञात्वा मोक्ष्यसेऽशुभात् ॥ ९-१ ॥

śrībhagavān uvāca  
idaṁ tu tē guhyatamaṁ  
pravakṣyāmyanasūyavē |  
jñānaṁ vijñānasahitaṁ  
yajjñātvā mōkṣyasē'subhāt || 9-1 ||

The Blessed Lord said : To you who do not cavil, I shall now declare this, the greatest secret, the most profound knowledge combined with experience (or Realisation); which having known, you shall be free from the sorrows of life. [Chapter 9 – Verse 1]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 2

राजविद्या राजगुह्यं  
पवित्रमिदमुत्तमम् ।  
प्रत्यक्षावगमं धर्म्यं  
सुसुखं कर्तुमव्ययम् ॥ ९-२ ॥

rājavidyā rājaguhyam  
pavitram idam uttamam |  
pratyakṣāvagamaṁ dharmyam  
susukhaṁ kartum avyayam || 9-2 ||

This royal science, royal secret, the supreme purifier, realisable by direct intuitive knowledge, according to the dharma, is very easy to perform and imperishable. [Chapter 9 – Verse 2]

### Chapter 9 - Verse 3

अश्रद्धधानाः पुरुषाः  
धर्मस्यास्य परन्तप ।  
अप्राप्य मां निवर्तन्ते  
मृत्युसंसारवर्त्मनि ॥ ९-३ ॥

aśraddadhānāḥ puruṣāḥ  
dharmasyāśya parāntapa |  
aprāpya mām nivartantē  
mṛtyusaṃsāravartmani || 9-3 ||

Persons without faith in this dharma (the divine Self), O Parantapa, without attaining Me return to the path of rebirth, fraught with death. [Chapter 9 – Verse 3]

### Chapter 9 - Verse 4

मया ततमिदं सर्वं  
जगदव्यक्तमूर्तिना ।  
मत्स्थानि सर्वभूतानि  
न चाहं तेष्ववस्थितः ॥ ९-४ ॥

mayā tatamidaṃ sarvaṃ  
jagadavyaktamūrtinā |  
matsthāni sarvabhūtāni  
na cāhaṃ tēṣvavasthitaḥ || 9-4 ||

All this world (universe) is pervaded by Me in My unmanifest form (aspect); all beings exist in Me, but I do not dwell in them. [Chapter 9 – Verse 4]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 5

न च मत्स्थानि भूतानि  
पश्य मे योगमैश्वरम् ।  
भूतभृन्न च भूतस्थः  
ममात्मा भूतभावनः ॥ ९-५ ॥

na ca matsthāni bhūtāni  
paśya me yōgamaśvaram |  
bhūtabhṛnna ca bhūtasthō  
mamatmā bhūtabhāvanaḥ || 9-5 ||

Nor do beings exist (in reality) in Me, behold My divine Yoga supporting all beings, but not dwelling in them, I am My Self, the efficient cause of all beings. [Chapter 9 – Verse 5]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 6

यथाकाशस्थितो नित्यं  
वायुः सर्वत्रगो महान् ।  
तथा सर्वाणि भूतानि  
मत्स्थानीत्युपधारय ॥ ९-६ ॥

yathākāśasthitō nityam  
vāyuḥ sarvatragō mahān |  
tathā sarvāṇi bhūtāni  
matsthānītyupādhāraya || 9-6 ||

As the mighty wind moving everywhere rests always in space (the akasa), even so, know you, all beings rest in Me. [Chapter 9 – Verse 6]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 7

सर्वभूतानि कौन्तेय  
प्रकृतिं यान्ति मामिकाम् ।  
कल्पक्षये पुनस्तानि  
कल्पादौ विसृजाम्यहम् ॥ ९-७ ॥

sarvabhūtāni kauntēya  
prakṛtiṃ yānti māmikām |  
kalpakṣayē punastāni  
kalpādaṁ viśṛjāmyaham || 9-7 ||

All beings, O Kaunteya (O son of Kinti), go into My prakṛti (nature) at the end of a kalpa; I send them forth again at the beginning of (the next) kalpa. [Chapter 9 – Verse 7]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 8

प्रकृतिं स्वामवष्टभ्य  
विसृजामि पुनः पुनः ।  
भूतग्राममिमं कृत्स्नम्  
अवशं प्रकृतेर्वशात् ॥ ९-८ ॥

prakṛtiṃ svāmavaṣṭabhya  
viśṛjāmi punaḥ punaḥ |  
bhūtagrāmamimaṁ kṛtsnam  
avaśaṁ prakṛtērvāśāt || 9-8 ||

Animating My Prakṛti, I, again and again send forth all this helpless multitude of beings by the force of nature (Prakṛti). [Chapter 9 – Verse 8]



## Chapter 9 - Verse 9

न च मां तानि कर्माणि  
निबध्नन्ति धनञ्जय ।  
उदासीनवदासीनम्  
असक्तं तेषु कर्मसु ॥ ९-९ ॥

na ca māṃ tāni karmāṇi  
nibadhnanti dhanañjaya |  
udāsīnavadāsīnam  
asaktaṃ tēṣu karmasu || 9-9 ||

Sitting like one indifferent and unattached to these acts, O Dhananjaya, these acts do not bind Me. [Chapter 9 – Verse 9]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 10

मयाध्यक्षेण प्रकृतिः  
सूयते सचराचरम् ।  
हेतुनानेन कौन्तेय  
जगद्विपरिवर्तते ॥ ९-१० ॥

mayā'dhyakṣēṇa prakṛtiḥ  
sūyatē sacarācaram |  
hētunā'nēna kauntēya  
jagad viparivartatē || 9-10 ||

Under Me as her supervisor, prakṛti (nature) produces the moving and the unmoving; because of this, O Kaunteya, the world revolves? [Chapter 9 – Verse 10]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 11

अवजानन्ति मां मूढाः  
मानुषीं तनुमाश्रितम् ।  
परं भावमजानन्तः  
मम भूतमहेश्वरम् ॥ ९-११ ॥

avajānanti mām mūḍhāḥ  
mānuṣīm tanumāśritam |  
parām bhāvamajānantaḥ  
mama bhūtamahēśvaram || 9-11 ||

Fools disregard Me when I dwell in human form, they know not My higher being as the great Lord of all beings. [Chapter 9 – Verse 11]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 12

मोघाशा मोघकर्माणः  
मोघज्ञाना विचेतसः ।  
राक्षसीमासुरीं चैव  
प्रकृतिं मोहिनीं श्रिताः ॥ ९-१२ ॥

mōghāśā mōghakarmāṇaḥ  
mōghajñānā vicētaśaḥ |  
rākṣasīm āsurīm caiva  
prakṛtiṃ mōhinīm śritāḥ || 9-12 ||

Of vain hopes, of vain actions, of vain knowledge and senseless (devoid of discrimination), they verily are possessed of the delusive nature of raksasas and asuras. [Chapter 9 – Verse 12]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 13

महात्मानस्तु मां पार्थ  
दैवीं प्रकृतिमाश्रिताः ।  
भजन्त्यनन्यमनसः  
ज्ञात्वा भूतादिमव्ययम् ॥ ९-१३ ॥

mahātmānastu mām pārtha  
daivīm prakṛtimāśritāḥ |  
bhajantyananyamanasah  
jñātvā bhūtādim avyayam || 9-13 ||

But the Mahatmas (great souls), O Partha, partaking of My divine nature, worship Me with a single mind (with a mind devoted to nothing else), knowing Me as the imperishable source of all beings. [Chapter 9 – Verse 13]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 14

सततं कीर्तयन्तो मां  
यतन्तश्च दृढव्रताः ।  
नमस्यन्तश्च मां भक्त्या  
नित्ययुक्ता उपासते ॥ ९-१४ ॥

satataṁ kīrtayantō mām  
yatantaśca dṛḍhavratāḥ |  
namasyantaśca mām bhaktyā  
nityayuktā upāsatē || 9-14 ||

Always glorifying Me, striving, firm in vows, prostrating before Me, and always steadfast, they worship Me with devotion. [Chapter 9 – Verse 14]



## Chapter 9 - Verse 15

ज्ञानयज्ञेन चाप्यन्ये  
यजन्तो मामुपासते ।  
एकत्वेन पृथक्त्वेन  
बहुधा विश्वतोमुखम् ॥ ९-१५ ॥

jñānayajñēna cāpyanyē  
yajantō māmupāsatē |  
ēkatvēna pṛthaktvēna  
bahudhā viśvatōmukham || 9-15 ||

Others also, offering the 'wisdom sacrifice' worship Me, regarding Me as One, as distinct, as manifold Me, who in all forms, faces everywhere. [Chapter 9 – Verse 15]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 16

अहं क्रतुरहं यज्ञः  
स्वधाहमहमौषधम् ।  
मन्त्रोऽहमहमेवाज्यम्  
अहमग्निरहं हुतम् ॥ ९-१६ ॥

ahaṁ kraturahaṁ yajñaḥ  
svadhāham aham auṣadham |  
mantrō'ham aham ēvajyam  
ahaṁ agnirahaṁ hutam || 9-16 ||

I am the Kratu ; I am the sacrifice; I am the offering (food) to pitrs (ancestors); I am the medicinal herb, and all plants; I am the mantra; I am also the clarified butter; I am the fire; I am the oblation. [Chapter 9 – Verse 16]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 17

पिताहमस्य जगतः  
माता धाता पितामहः ।  
वेद्यं पवित्रमोङ्कारः  
ऋक्साम यजुरेव च ॥ ९-१७ ॥

pitā'hamasya jagataḥ  
mātā dhātā pitāmahaḥ |  
vēdyaṃ pavitramōṅkāraḥ  
ṛk sāma yajurēva ca || 9-17 ||

I am the father of this world, the mother, the sustainer and the grandsire; the (one) thing to be known, the purifier, (the syllable) Om, and also the Rk, the Sama and the Yajuh also.  
[Chapter 9 – Verse 17]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 18

गतिर्भर्ता प्रभुः साक्षी  
निवासः शरणं सुहृत् ।  
प्रभवः प्रलयः स्थानं  
निधानं बीजमव्ययम् ॥ ९-१८ ॥

gatirbhartā prabhuḥ sākṣī  
nivāsaḥ śaraṇaṃ suhṛt |  
prabhavaḥ pralayaḥ sthānaṃ  
nidhānaṃ bījamavyayam || 9-18 ||

I am the goal, the supporter, the Lord, the witness, the abode, the shelter, the friend, the origin, the dissolution, the foundation, the treasure-house and the seen imperishable.  
[Chapter 9 – Verse 18]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 19

तपाम्यहमहं वर्ष  
निगृह्णाम्युत्सृजामि च ।  
अमृतं चैव मृत्युश्च  
सदसच्चाहमर्जुन ॥ ९-१९ ॥

tapāmyaham ahaṁ varṣaṁ  
nigṛṇhāmyutsṛjāmi ca ।  
amṛtaṁ caiva mṛtyuśca  
sadasaccāhamarjuna ॥ 9-19 ॥

(As Sun) I give heat; I withhold and send forth the rain; I am immortality and also death, both existence and non-existence, O Arjuna. [Chapter 9 – Verse 19]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 20

त्रैविद्या मां सोमपाः पूतपापाः  
यज्ञैरिष्ट्वा स्वर्गतिं प्रार्थयन्ते ।  
ते पुण्यमासाद्य सुरेन्द्रलोकम्  
अश्नन्ति दिव्यान्दिवि देवभोगान् ॥ ९-२० ॥

traividyaṁ mām sōmapāḥ pūtapāpāḥ  
yajñairiṣṭvā svargatiṁ prārthayantē ।  
tē puṇyamāsādyā surēndralōkam  
aśnanti divyān divi dēvabhōgān ॥ 9-20 ॥

The knowers of the three Vedas, the drinkers of soma, purified from sin, worshipping Me by sacrifices, pray for the way to heaven; they reach the holy world of the lord of the gods and enjoy in heaven the divine pleasures of the gods. [Chapter 9 – Verse 20]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 21

ते तं भुक्त्वा स्वर्गलोकं विशालं  
क्षीणे पुण्ये मर्त्यलोकं विशन्ति ।  
एवं त्रयीधर्ममनुप्रपन्नाः  
गतागतं कामकामा लभन्ते ॥ ९-२१ ॥

tē taṁ bhuktvā svargalōkaṁ viśālam  
kṣīṇē puṇyē martyalōkaṁ viśanti |  
ēvaṁ trayīdharmamanuprapannā  
gatāgataṁ kāmakāmā labhantē || 9-21 ||

They, having enjoyed the vast heaven world, when their merits are exhausted, enter the world of the mortals; thus abiding by the injunctions of the three (Vedas), desiring (objects of) desires, they attain to the state of going and returning (samsara). [Chapter 9 – Verse 21]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 22

अनन्याश्चिन्तयन्तो मां  
ये जनाः पर्युपासते ।  
तेषां नित्याभियुक्तानां  
योगक्षेमं वहाम्यहम् ॥ ९-२२ ॥

ananyāścintayantō mām  
yē janāḥ paryupāsātē |  
tēṣāṁ nityābhiyuktānām  
yōgākṣēmaṁ vahāmyaham || 9-22 ||

To those men who worship Me alone, thinking of no other, to those ever self-controlled, I secure for them that which is not already possessed (yoga) by them, and preserve for them what they already possess (ksema). Chapter 9 – Verse 22]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 23

येऽप्यन्यदेवता भक्ताः  
यजन्ते श्रद्धयान्विताः ।  
तेऽपि मामेव कौन्तेय  
यजन्त्यविधिपूर्वकम् ॥ ९-२३ ॥

yē'pyanyadēvatābhaktā  
yajantē śraddhayānvitāḥ |  
tē'pi māmēva kauntēya  
yajantyavidhipūrvakam || 9-23 ||

Even those devotees, who, endowed with faith, worship other gods, worship Me alone, O son of Kunti, (but) by the wrong method. [Chapter 9 – Verse 23]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 24

अहं हि सर्वयज्ञानां  
भोक्ता च प्रभुरेव च ।  
न तु मामभिजानन्ति  
तत्त्वेनातश्च्यवन्ति ते ॥ ९-२४ ॥

ahaṁ hi sarvayajñānām  
bhōktā ca prabhurēva ca |  
na tu māmabhijānanti  
tattvēnātaścyavanti tē || 9-24 ||

(For) I alone am the enjoyer and the Lord of all sacrifices; but they do not know Me in essence, and hence they fall (return to this mortal world). [Chapter 9 – Verse 24]



## Chapter 9 - Verse 25

यान्ति देवव्रता देवान्  
पितृन्यान्ति पितृव्रताः ।  
भूतानि यान्ति भूतेज्याः  
यान्ति मद्याजिनोऽपि माम् ॥ ९-२५ ॥

yānti dēvavratā dēvān  
pitṛn yānti pitṛvratāḥ ।  
bhūtāni yānti bhūtējyāḥ  
yānti madyājinō'pi mām || 9-25 ||

The worshippers of the devas or gods go to the devas; the ancestor-worshippers go to the pitrs or ancestors; worshippers of the bhutas go to the bhutas or the elements; but my worshippers come to me. [Chapter 9 – Verse 25]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 26

पत्रं पुष्पं फलं तोयं  
यो मे भक्त्या प्रयच्छति ।  
तदहं भक्त्युपहृतम्  
अश्रामि प्रयतात्मनः ॥ ९-२६ ॥

patraṃ puṣpaṃ phalaṃ tōyaṃ  
yō mē bhaktyā prayacchati ।  
tadahaṃ bhaktyupahṛtam  
aśnāmi prayatātmanaḥ || 9-26 ||

Whoever offers Me with devotion a leaf, a flower, a fruit, water, that I accept, offered by the pure-minded with devotion. [Chapter 9 – Verse 26]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 27

यत्करोषि यदश्वासि  
यज्जुहोषि ददासि यत् ।  
यत्तपस्यसि कौन्तेय  
तत्कुरुष्व मदर्पणम् ॥ ९-२७ ॥

yat karōṣi yadaśnāsi  
yajjuhōṣi dadāsi yat |  
yat tapasyasi kauntēya  
tat kuruṣva madarpaṇam || 9-27 ||

Whatever you do, whatever you eat, whatever you offer in sacrifice, whatever you give in charity, whatever you practise as austerity, O Kaunteya, do it as an offering to Me  
[Chapter 9 – Verse 27]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 28

शुभाशुभफलैरेवं  
मोक्ष्यसे कर्मबन्धनैः ।  
संन्यासयोगयुक्तात्मा  
विमुक्तो मामुपैष्यसि ॥ ९-२८ ॥

śubhāśubhaphalairēvaṃ  
mōkṣyasē karmabandhanaiḥ |  
sannyāsayōgayuktātmā  
vimuktō māmupaiṣyasi || 9-28 ||

Thus, shall you be freed from the bonds of actions yielding good and evil fruits; with the mind steadfast in the yoga of renunciation and liberated, you shall come unto Me.  
[Chapter 9 – Verse 28]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 29

समोऽहं सर्वभूतेषु  
न मे द्वेष्योऽस्ति न प्रियः ।  
ये भजन्ति तु मां भक्त्या  
मयि ते तेषु चाप्यहम् ॥ ९-२९ ॥

samō'haṁ sarvabhūtēṣu  
na mē dvēṣyō'sti na priyaḥ |  
yē bhajanti tu mām bhaktyā  
mayi tē tēṣu cāpyaham || 9-29 ||

The same am I to all beings, to Me there is none hateful nor dear; but those who worship Me with devotion, are in Me and I am also in them. [Chapter 9 – Verse 29]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 30

अपि चेत्सुदुराचारः  
भजते मामनन्यभाक् ।  
साधुरेव स मन्तव्यः  
सम्यग्व्यवसितो हि सः ॥ ९-३० ॥

api cēt sudurācāraḥ  
bhajatē mām ananyabhāk |  
sādhurēva sa mantavyaḥ  
samyag vyavasitō hi saḥ || 9-30 ||

Even if the most sinful worships Me, with devotion to none else, (or with single pointedness), he too, should indeed, be regarded as righteous, for, he has rightly resolved. [Chapter 9 – Verse 30]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 31

क्षिप्रं भवति धर्मात्मा  
शश्वच्छान्तिं निगच्छति ।  
कौन्तेय प्रतिजानीहि  
न मे भक्तः प्रणश्यति ॥ ९-३१ ॥

kṣipraṃ bhavati dharmātmā  
śaśvacchāntiṃ nigacchati |  
kauntēya pratijānīhi  
na mē bhaktaḥ praṇaśyati || 9-31 ||

Soon, he becomes righteous and attains eternal peace, O Kaunteya, know for certain that My devotee is never destroyed. [Chapter 9 – Verse 31]

## Chapter 9 - Verse 32

मां हि पार्थ व्यपाश्रित्य  
येऽपि स्युः पापयोनयः ।  
स्त्रियो वैश्यास्तथा शूद्रः  
तेऽपि यान्ति परां गतिम् ॥ ९-३२ ॥

māṃ hi pārtha vyapāśritya  
yē'pi syuḥ pāpayōnayaḥ |  
striyō vaiśyāstathā śūdrāḥ  
tē'pi yānti parāṃ gatim || 9-32 ||

For, taking refuge in Me, O Partha, they also – may be of a sinful birth, women, vaisyas as well as sudras – attain the supreme Goal. [Chapter 9 – Verse 32]

### Chapter 9 - Verse 33

किं पुनर्ब्राह्मणाः पुण्याः  
भक्ता राजर्षयस्तथा ।  
अनित्यमसुखं लोकम्  
इमं प्राप्य भजस्व माम् ॥ ९-३३ ॥

kiṃ punarbrāhmaṇāḥ puṇyāḥ  
bhaktā rājarṣayastathā |  
anityamasukhaṃ lōkam  
imaṃ prāpya bhajasva mām || 9-33 ||

How much more (easily) then the holy Brahmanas and devoted royal saints (attain the goal)!  
Having reached (obtained) the impermanent and joyless world, do worship Me (devoutly).  
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### Chapter 9 - Verse 34

मन्मना भव मद्भक्तः  
मद्याजी मां नमस्कुरु ।  
मामेवैष्यसि युक्तवैवम्  
आत्मानं मत्परायणः ॥ ९-३४ ॥

manmanā bhava madbhaktaḥ  
madyājī mām namaskuru |  
māmēvaiṣyasi yuktvaivam  
ātmānaṃ matparāyaṇaḥ || 9-34 ||

Fix your mind on Me; be devoted to Me, sacrifice to Me, bow down to Me; having thus united  
your (whole) Self with Me, taking Me as the supreme goal, you shall come to Me.  
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